





## Notices of Firms.

**THE** Undersecretary has been appointed AGENT at this Port for Messrs. HENRY & KING & Co., of London.  
Office—No. 6, Stanley Street.  
H. W. NOTTLEY,  
1785 Hongkong, 24th October, 1874.

**H**AVING resigned my position in the Yau Tat Hong, I have this day established myself as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the style of "SUN CHIE & Co."

C. SUN CHIE,  
1885 Hongkong, 12th November, 1875.

**THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY**,  
For 1876,  
(With which will be incorporated the CHINA DIRECTORY).

**T**HE Publisher requests that those who have not yet returned the printed forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so without delay. Any persons who have recently arrived, and to whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 22nd, 1875.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10TH, 1875.

**N**OTICE is now conducive to the industrial and commercial well-being of a country that a healthy emulation in the arts of peace.

The various great exhibitions that, commencing with the famous Hyde Park Palace of 1851, have been held in the great capitals of Europe have undoubtedly given an impulse to invention and increased the energy and stimulated the enterprise of manufacturers the world-over. It is certainly true that the inauguration of these great fairs did not, as was fondly anticipated by many sanguine people at the time, usher in with them the dawn of universal peace, in which a rivalry in arts and manufactures should alone engage the various nations. The sword has not yet been turned into a ploughshare, nor has the bayonet been converted into a pruning hook; the time has not yet arrived when the nations will learn war no more. Indeed, the hurdling of this hurricane has been heard in one part of the world or another almost unceasingly, and some of the most memorable and sanguinary conflicts which have shadowed the page of history have occurred since the opening of the Exhibition of 1851. But though it cannot be claimed for these institutions that they avert war, they are yet agents of peace, and by promoting international intercourse do much to remove prejudice and soften asperities. It is truly wonderful what illusions and antipathies are banished through want of knowledge. Even now the mass of the people in all countries know little about their neighbours and entertain the strangest notions concerning them. When French ignorance of the English and English misconceptions of France are taken into consideration, the absurd tales propagated in China about foreigners should not appear so ridiculous and unreasonably after all. They will doubtless be dispelled when the natives have a better acquaintance with and can form a truer appreciation of the "outer barbarians."

It is gratifying to note that the Chinese Government has at length decided that the Celestial Empire shall be represented at the forthcoming great Centennial International Exhibition at Philadelphia. A Foochow contemporary states that Mr. DREW, Commissioner of Customs at that port, and Mr. DARRIN, Commissioner at Ningbo, have been appointed to superintend the collection of exhibits at the Treaty ports of the Southern and Northern sections respectively. This information will be hailed with great satisfaction not only by Americans but by all foreigners. This Chinese Government have certainly been somewhat slow in making up their mind, but it is not too late to admit of China cutting a very respectable figure in the vast American show. A Chinese Court will, on its novelty, add conspicuously to the attractions of this Exhibition, and they will be able to display a large selection of goods both curious and costly. Rare carvings in ivory, sandalwood, and the precious metals; rich designs in silk; antique bronzes and china ware; and an infinite variety of curios, will occupy the space set apart for China. Possibly the admiration drawn forth by the Japanese collection in the Melbourne Exhibition may have had something to do in determining the Chinese Government not to be left out of the Philadelphia show. If this is indeed the fact, it goes to prove that the slovenly of officials are not altogether proof against the contagion of example, have some slight regard for the reputation of their country, and are anxious for once that China should not be omitted from this grand gathering of nations. It is to be hoped that they will send a collection worthy of the country. But little fear need, however, be entertained on that score. The difficulty would be for them to make up their minds to do anything so far removed from their usual course, to venture on such entirely new lines. The gentlemen entrusted with the formation of the collection will, too, it may be taken for granted, be careful to see that it is as complete as possible. They are well qualified to attend to this matter, and will be certain to do their best to ensure its success. The step taken by the Chinese Government is a wise one, and cannot fail to have a beneficial result upon the industries of the country.

While the Peking Authorities have very judiciously considered the selection of the exhibits to their foreign Customs Commissioners, it is to be hoped they will not send them to Philadelphia in the charge of foreigners. By doing so, much of the advantage to be derived from being represented there would be lost to China. A Chinese Commission should be appointed to accompany it, which should, moreover, be composed of intelligent officials, charged to take especial note of what they saw there, and embody their observations in a Report, which might subsequently be published. It is probable that some such plan is in contemplation. We trust there may be, for there can be no question that nothing can tend more strongly to expand the ideas and liberalise the opinions of Chinamen than

increased knowledge of Western arts, sciences, manufactures, and modes of thought.

It is over the Chinese are brought to appreciate the higher and purer code of morality which the religion and civilisation of the West teaches, it can only be through extended intercourse with other nations. The barbarism which still distinguishes so many of their institutions, the gross and childish superstitions to which they so obstinately cling, would melt in the clearer light of European civilisation. Any movement, therefore, which promises to bring them into closer and more constant contact with foreigners should be forwarded by the Peking Government and actively encouraged by all foreigners. The majority of both Europeans and Americans are inclined to show a most cordial and friendly interest in the material and moral advancement of China, and would be well pleased to lend her a helping hand at any time. Chinese statesmen will be worthy of having reputation if they fail to take advantage of this feeling, or again turn their backs upon the path of Progress.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the *Audacious Amateur Dramatic Corps* intend giving a performance at the Chinese Royal City Hall, on the 22nd instant, in aid of the justly established for the benefit of the Chinese of the Royal Navy.

In the case of the alleged robbery on board the *Hindostan*, which has been committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on the 12th inst., the chief engineer and one of the season have been bound over to appear on that date to give evidence. As they were uninterested spectators, and the same case, it is not probable that they will have any considerable part to play in the case, the necessity for which might surely be avoided.

The Band of Her Majesty's 9th Regiment will perform the following programme this evening at eight o'clock:

Quick March: "The Queen's Guard".....J. Jones.  
Overture: "Schubert".....J. Jones.  
Gigue: "Schubert".....J. Jones.  
Waltz: "The Queen's Guard".....J. Jones.  
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W. W. FRANKLIN, Bandmaster.

**POLICE INTELLIGENCE.**

9th December.

**BEFORE JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.**

**AN OLD OFFENDER.**

Yoo Ann, a barber, was charged by Chinese Constable No. 238 with being a suspicious character.

The constable said that a number of Chinese were collected near the Kowloon Theatre, and he found the prisoner going amongst them as if attempting to pickpocket. He knew him as a well-known character.

The prisoner was identified as having been in prison several times for larceny, and his case was remanded for enquiry to be made.

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**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.**

(From the *Money Market* of Oct. 23.)

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders was held on Wednesday, 20th instant, at the London Tavern, Mr. William Patterson in the chair. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Patterson, the secretary.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, there is no Report to be read, and I am glad that, on this occasion, we have nothing of importance to bring before you. Considering the troublous times through which we have passed, I think we may congratulate ourselves that such is the case. You have heard me read on the 19th inst. the statement of the directors, and I am glad to say that the business of the bank has been carried on with the utmost regularity and success, and that the bank has been able to meet all its engagements, and to pay all its dividends, and to maintain its position as a sound and reliable institution.

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whose avocations call him to town twice a week. "That's a regular gentleman," say

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SMALL-WAISTES.

There is no doubt but that a "small waist" is desired of all men and all women. No matter how the physiologists or physicians may talk, women always have compressed their waists and expanded their skirts, and they always will, until public opinion proclaims a heavy figure. It has never improved, and will not improve, until the goddess of Venus has a large waist. She has been fond to ever since that faultless image of female beauty was distorted. She merely strugs her shoulders and draws her knees tighter.

She knows very well that if she went to a ball with that figure of Venus, no man would ask her to dance. So important a matter is it to have a small waist, that it has become a law of nature. The Emperor of Austria, the chief mentioned in the Court journals, thanks the Empress of Austria is celebrated for possessing a waist which only measures sixteen inches. This is a greater nobility than even the possession of sixteen quarters on your shield, without which you cannot be admitted to the best society of Vienna.

At sixteen," therefore, is a magic number at Vienna. There are many persons, to be sure, who have as small a waist, but they have not the height, the contour, and becoming fulness which the Empress has.

Nor is the "small-waist" furore alone confined to the women of civilized lands, so-called. The small foot of the Chinese women is a local peculiarity; the small waist or the small figure, is universal. Even the grave Humboldt describes the beauties of Java as resembling a sort of Chinese, and by which they are much reduced in size. By which it kills them finally, but what of that?

Undoubtedly there will always be foolish mothers who make their daughters sleep in their corsets, and many foolish women who will always draw their laces too tight; but the golden mean remains—a figure well and round, but not too small for the adequate figure. Is the grand desideratum of female beauty.

Nothing is so unbecoming as a too tight garment. A shoe which is too small spoils a pretty foot; a glove which squeezes the hand ruins the effect; and a waist injudiciously compressed ruins the figure and the face. The blood is forced into the hands and arms; the figure is pressed-out of proportion; and the whole is so unsightly that the fairest woman in France, who wears a dress, conferred upon them by Providence, wears ample draperies, loosely-fitting garments, and a corset which does her the best possible service, for it makes her look and feel at her ease—no labored breathing, no unnatural redness, no fear of suffocation; she is simply a large, beautiful object, instead of a goblin in the middle, with a general air of sympathy.

Large women should learn that no tight lacing makes them look any smaller. Their size is like all other matter—it must go somewhere, and the effect of squeezing the figure is never good. Every woman cannot rejoice in the "willow pattern" which is so beautiful in young girls. Age, which softens everything, and which gives a woman, and time brings an undeniable stoutness. This cannot be better treated than it was by the late Duchess of Devonshire, one of the most beautiful women who grew, at forty, as English women are apt to, very stout.

"How have you kept your complexion so pure, my dear Duchess," said one of her followers in waiting at the Court of St. James's.

"By dressing at ease and keeping my temper," said the handsome Duchess.

It is curious in these researches into the mysterious of the female toilet, to find how often the name and fashion of a garment reappears in history. Within five years the "peplum," or overskirt, and undoubtedly the "Helen's mantle," have been introduced into ladies in this country; the "kirtle," spoken of by Chaucer, has become the petticoat; the overcoat; the bodice has always existed, almost under that name—*Applian's Journal*.

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